Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2

Welcome back!

We are excited to embark on our Autumn 2 term together! We have another fun filled term ahead of us with lots happening!

Our Learning Environment

In Reception, we focus on creating a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where children can explore, discover, and learn through play and structured activities. Our curriculum is designed to support all areas of your child's development, including social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth.

Daily Routine

Our daily routine includes a mix of teacher-led activities, child-initiated play, and outdoor exploration. This balance helps children develop independence, creativity, and a love for learning. Here is a brief overview of a typical day in Reception: 8:45-9:00– Register and morning jobs. 9:00-9:30– Phonics, 9:30-10:10 Continuous provision, 10:10-10:30 Toast and Milk. 10:30– 11:00 Literacy. 11:00-11:30 Outdoor provision. 11:30-11:45 Wash hands and go to lunch. Lunch 11:45-12:45. 12:45-13:00 Register. 13:00-13:30 – Maths. 13:30– 14:30 indoor and outdoor continuous provision. 14:30-15:00 UTW/Music/PSHE which changes daily. 15:00-15:15 get ready to go home.

Communication

We believe that strong communication between home and school is essential for your child's success. Here are some ways we keep in touch and involve you in your child's learning. We have an open Door Policy: so feel free to speak with us if you have any questions or need to discuss anything about your child's experience.

Key Dates

- 3rd November– School reopens.
- 3rd November– Bonfire Bingo evening.
- 9th November– Reception Cinema trip.
- 9th/10th November– Parents evening.
- 13th November– Children in need day.
- 16th-20th November– Anti bullying week and Odd socks day (Monday).
- 20th November– 14:00 Parents assembly.
- 27th November– Xmas Fair donation day.
- 7th December– Xmas Fair
- 10th December– Xmas Jumper Day.
- 9th December– Xmas Dinner
- 16th December– EYFS SING ALONG, 17TH– Pantomine, 18th Xmas class parties.

Reading

All children have now got reading books and diaries, these should be in school every single day. Please try and read with your children at least three times a week and record it in their diaries. These books are changed every Friday as Miss Evans will read with your child.

PE Reminders

PE lessons in Reception will take place on Monday mornings. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit with them in school at all times.

The children will be reminded to take their kits home at the end every half term for a wash. Please return their P.E kits on the first day back after a school holiday ready for their next P.E lesson.

Keep up to date....

Weekly news and photographs will be shared on School Spider through a Group Conversation. Please look out for a notification of these updates.

Our Curriculum Overview

ENGLISH

In Literacy we will continue with Drawing club this term. Drawing club encourages children to use their imagination and build those important fine motor skills through drawing to support with their pencil grip ready for writing.

Each day of the week we have a different focus within our set text. For example on Monday we explore and draw the main character, on Tuesday we explore and draw the setting, on Wednesday we write initial sounds describing our drawings and on Thursday/Friday we talk about what we think might happen next in the story.

MATHS

In Maths we will be:

- Moving through space and understanding prepositions.
- Practising counting, cardinality and ordinality.
- Comparing.
- Composing.
- Noticing and visualizing.

PHONICS

In phonics This half term we will begin Super Sonic Phonic Friends Basics 2.

Basics 2 - Children will begin the learning the sounds of letters in the following order:

s, a, t, p, I, n, m, d, g, o,c,k, e, e, r, h, b, f, l, ff, ll, s and ss

Children will learn to blend and segment simple CVC words using these sounds in their reading and writing.

The children will be introduced to the basics 2 tricky words.

We will also begin our focused handwriting sessions this term.

KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

This half term we are learning about 'Ourselves'. We will be talking about the things that make us unique and the similarities and differences between our friends and families.

We will be learning about the story of nativity and different celebrations around the world.

COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

This half term, we will use Talking pictures to describe what we can see. We will also share news on Mondays and after school holidays in group circle times to build confidence and ability to talk about events.

EXPRESSIVE ART

This term we offer a diverse range of art activities:

Making biscuits for Rememberance day.

Firework images.

Leaf man creations.

Season trees.

Christmas decorations.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL

- Circle time discussions about feelings and experiences.
- Games and activities that promote teamwork and sharing.
- Personal hygiene skills.
- Our PSHE topic– Valuing difference.

Home Learning

English & Maths

Homework will now be set on a termly basis using a 'Pick and Mix' style document, which can be found on our web-site. There will be enough tasks for children to choose 1 per week. We would like to encourage you to upload photographs of any work completed to Purple Mash towards the end of the term, so that we can celebrate children's achievements by sharing in class. There is a step-by-step guide on the Reception class page for this.

The children also have their tricky word bookmarks, reading books and phonics flashcards to practice with.

Phonics/Spelling

We will begin to teach 'Supersonic Phonic Friends' Phonics this term. It would greatly help your child understand the purpose of phonics if they regularly look for letters and signs all around them, e.g. the T in Tesco.

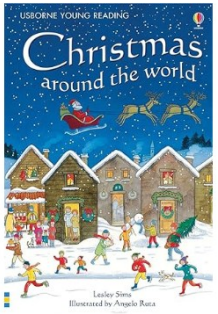
As well as phonics, we are practicing name writing in class. Any extra practice at home would be greatly appreciated.

Please access our phonics teaching videos on our website

https://www.jamesbrindleyprimary.com/phonics/

Our stories for this term are:

- Bonfire night poem
- Gunpowder plot.
- The Best Diwali Ever.
- Anti bullying week.
- Leaf Man
- Squirrels who squabbled.
- Christmas around the world.
- Coming home.





Online Resources

This half term we will be doing lots of counting and playing number recognition games. Please help by counting anything and everything with your children.

Click on the link to find lots of fun maths games you can enjoy at home.

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1